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A PERSONAL NOTE: Several of our friends passed away this past month. A close friend to many of us was Allen Rockford, co-editor of Nostalgia Radio News with Don Richardson, his closest friend. Allen died on March 29th at the age of 35. Allen and Don appeared at several of our conventions. Many hours each month were spent in preparing Nostalgia Radio News, an excellent monthly publication devoted to old-time radio. As of now, publication will cease...Allen started his coverage of stations in central New York and Canada carrying old-time radio in 1971. In 1974 he expanded this listing to THE SOUNDS OF YESTERDAY. In January 1977 the many-paged NOSTALGIA RADIO NEWS APPEARED. Allen was very active in putting old-time radio on stations in the central New York area. WRVO-FM has been carrying "The Sounds of Yesterday" for the past few years...Please send donations to WRVO-FM, Public Radio Center, Oswego, NY 13126. This will help keep this and other OTR shows on the air. Don Richardson's address is Box 2214, Syracuse, NY 13220...Allen will be missed by all. My sincere sympathies are with Max Rockford, Allen's father, and Don.

Minerva Pious died March 16th at the age of 75. I met Minerva at Hyannis in the summer of 1975. She was on Fred Allen as Mrs. Nussbaum from 1933-49. She grew up in Bridgeport, Ct.

Al Hodge died March 20th at the age of 66. Although unable to be present, Al received an award at our convention in 1977. He starred in many radio shows including the Green Hornet. He starred in Captain Video from 1950-56. Since then Al found it difficult to get work. He was going to be in a picture. The last I heard from him was a Christmas card. At his funeral many of his friends and fans eulogized Al. Court Benson described Al as "an upbeat character—a happy, tender guy. He wasn't that Macho. He was just a very sweet fellow."

CONVENTION-1977: On April 8th we had our first committee meeting. Details on the convention will follow.

IN FOND MEMORY: Emmett Kelly, Mar 28, 80; add-faced clown for Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus for over 20 years...Gordon Parks Jr, Apr 2, 44; Film director...John Meston, Mar 24, 64; script writer for GUNSMOKE on radio (181 scripts) and television (197 scripts)...Jack Mills, Mar 23, 87; founder of Mills Music, one of the leading popular music publishers...Ben Lyon, Mar 22, 78; film and stage actor...Delbert Gore, Mar 16, 58; radio and TV broadcaster. Was in LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE in the 30's...Steve Sekely, Mar 9, 80; film director...Paul Crabtree, recently, 60; actor, writer, producer, director in television and the theater...Jim Fittzell, Mar 16, 58; radio and TV writer...Vincent Cierkes, Mar 14, 73; magician...James Rube, Mar 3, 82; composer, pianist, singer...Ethel Ramey, Feb 28; radio, stage, and TV actress. Radio-RICH MAN'S DARLING: YOUNG WIDDER BROWN...Victor Kilian, Mar 11, 81; TV and screen actor; In MARY HARTMAN, MARY HARTMAN...Herman Dayton, Mar 3, 61; announcer for TV-MEET THE PRESS...Ethel Harper, Mar 31, 75; known to millions as Aunt Jemima...

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: BIG BANDWAGON; March; art. on Blue Barron, Ben Carter, Al Donahue, Jan Savitt...COLLECTORS CORNER; March; art. on Sears and CBS Mystery Theater, Frank Sinatra, Video collecting, Laura Mae Carpenter, and 10 years of Hello Again (many thanks for



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the article)...ILLUSTRATED PRESS; March; art. on Sears Radio Theater
...NARA NEWS: Winter; art. on Chandu, Bob and Ray, Irene Wicker,
Lone Ranger.

BOOKS: Sweet and Lowdown; by Warren Craig; Scarecrow Press, Box
656, Metuchen, NJ 08840. Very informative digest of the careers and
music of the 144 most successful popular song writers in history.
Written in 1978, Craig corrects many errors found in many other
books dealing with composers and popular music. 657 pages.

LOGS AND LISTINGS: If you want April's listings for CBS Mystery
Theater or Sears Radio Theater, write Joe Webb, 5 Valley View Dr,
Yonkers, NY 10710. Send a SASE. Joe will have each month's listing
in advance. Subscribers to Collectors corner get them anyway...Ray
Stanich, 173 Columbia Hts, Brooklyn, NY 11201 has an alphabetical log
of circulated SHA DOW programs which you can have for a SASE.

NEWS OF THE PAST: (by Ed Carr) 1932: Phillips H Lord was invited
to referee the final championship Down East Hockey Match at the Bos-
ton Gardens...1932: Billy Johns and Ernie Hare were born on the same
day of the month, weigh about the same and are the same height.

THE TAPE DECK: Bill Cunningham, 4911 NW 48th Av, Ft. Lauderdale,
Fla 33319 has a 1953 Revere TR-600 tape machine. It is in fine con-
dition but he needs new rubber belts which drive it and he can't
find them. Can anyone help?

NEW ADDRESSES: Gary Dixon, 28 Apollo Rd #2E, E Providence, RI
02914. Gary still wants BENNY, LUX, GUNSMOKE, SUSPENSE...George
Zink, 3373 Broadway, Huntington Pk, Cal 90255.

HERE AND THERE: New Friends: David Schroeder, 118 $\frac{1}{2}$ 11th Av, E,
Seattle, Wa 98102. We will miss Dave at our conventions. He used to
live in New Haven...Robert Samoian, 11308 Yearling St, Cerritos,
Cal 90701...George Chynoweth, Box 3163, APO NY 09123...Richard
Biunno, 575 Allgair Av, No Brunswick, NJ 08902.

Old Friends: Steve Albert, 132 Withington Rd, Newtonville, Ma
02160 has temporarily stopped publication of the TV COLLECTOR. Steve
is planning to put out auction listings of TV material and Rock and
roll records. If you are interested in these lists, send your inter-
ests and a long SASE...Alex McFee, Box 1105, Banning, Cal 92220 wants
in very good sound: CHANDU with T Collins; MAGIC ISLAND -complete;
SPEED GIBSON-all chapters; Also Paul Temple, Gunsmoke, Dragnet, Lux,
SF 68, Straight Arrow, Sgt. Preston, and Sam Spade. Alex has over
500 reels for trade...Adam Richter and Pete Greco recently were on
Joe Franklin's Memory Lane program...George Chynoweth (above) is put-
ting together a comprehensive review of all the Holmes stories ever
broadcast, including the BBC series just concluded in 1978. If you
can help with any input he will appreciate it. A free copy of the
review will be sent to all contributors...Rudy Profant, 406 W 158,
Cleveland, Oh 44135 wants Cleveland Indian baseball games that
Jack Graney did in the 30's and 40's. Also air racing programs 1929-
39 covering the Thompson Trophy races...Ed Carr, 216 Shaner St, Boy-
ertown, Pa 19512 wants $\frac{1}{2}$ -show lists from people who collect discs.
Ed has some $\frac{1}{2}$ shows and will let everyone know of any complete shows
and all $\frac{1}{2}$ shows after compiling information...Gayle Bland, 3255 Cory
Dr, Reno, Nev 89509 wants new LUM AND ABNER.

Masterpiece Radio Theater will begin a 52-week cycle on about 217 public radio stations on May 5th. It will originate at WGBH in Boston and Julie Harris will host. Productions will be from Britain...Some classics to be aired are Anna Karenina, House of Mirth, Jayne Ayre, Moby Dick...Don Koehnemann, 811 Bristol Av, Westchester, Ill 60153 wants one full 2-hour program off WGN Sundays with Carl Greyson. Anyone will do...Tony Randall is the first major contributor to the Central Connecticut State College scholarship fund established this year in the memory of the late James Maloney. James, a native of New Britain, died recently. James was a radio, TV, Broadway and movie actor and had attended 2 of our conventions. If you wish to make a donation send it made out to the James Maloney Scholarship Fund, CCSC Foundation. Mail it to Central Conn. State College, Box 612, New Britain, Ct 06050...WNYC-FM in New York offers the following: Mon; 6:30; BBC Sherlock Holmes/Tues; 6:30; Shadow/Thurs; 6:30; Gunsmoke/Fri; 9:30; Goon shows/Sat; 3:30; NBC Presents Short Story...A nice article about John Hickman appeared in the Friday, Mar 23 issue of the Montgomery Journal. John has been broadcasting vintage radio shows over WAMU-FM 88.5 in Washington DC since 1964. Today they are on Sundays starting at 7:30 for 4½ hours. He calls it the BIG BROADCAST. If you want a copy of this article in which John gives his opinion of old-time radio and today's radio drama (not the same at all) send me a SASE.

LATE NEWS: Larry DeSalvatore, 25 Sachem Pl, New Britain, Ct 06053 wants WCYB Farm and Fun Time with Stanley Bros; WRVA Old Dominion Barn Dance with Reno and Smiley; WSM Martha White Show with Flatt and Scruggs; WWVA Jamboree with Osborn Bros....New SHOWS just received from Joe Webb: ESCAPE A Bullet for Mr. Smith; STARS OVER HOLLYWOOD I Knew this Woman; THE CHASE Spies in Havana...All convention details are on next page...Mark Dereng, 6701 No Edgebrook Ter, Chicago, Ill 60646 wants to find anyone who has taped any KUP SHOWS FROM 1974 to the present...Vincent Egarian, 30 Manhattan Av, Yonkers, NY 10707 is selling his OTR collection of 4000 shows. You can buy as many reels that you like at only a little more than the cost of the blank tape. There is much rare and early generation material. Write Vincent for details...Allen Rockford was remembered in the April 11th issue of VARIETY by a remembrance from Mary Lou and Walt. ...IN FOND MEMORY: Edgar Buchanan, Apr 4, 76; character actor; TV-HOPALONG CASSIDY 1948-syn; JUDGE ROY BEAN 1956-syn; Petticoat Junction 1963-70; CADE'S COUNTY 1971-2...Brainferd Duffield, Apr 5, 62; dramatist, actor and story editor. One of his radio dramas, "Carmela," was recently broadcast on the Sears Radio Theater...Alden Gay Thomson, Apr 1, 80; stage actress...

Have a happy Passover and Happy Easter

Turn over for all the convention details.

Write if you get work and hang by your thumbs

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CONVENTION 1979

SPONSOR: Friends of Old-time Radio. This is their 4th convention devoted to collectors of and performers in radio shows of the 30's 40's and 50's.

PLACE: Holiday Inn, Lafayette Blvd, Bridgeport, Ct. Right off Exit 27 off I-95

DATE: Saturday, October 20th, 1979. Starts at 9:00AM. will include a buffet dinner and will end around 11:00 PM.

COST: \$16 per person; \$13.50 for children under 16. Dealer and display tables are no extra cost.

GUESTS: We hope many of the special guests who have come in the past will come to this one. We will be inviting many new people. If you know addresses of performers living in the East, please let me know.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM: Movies 9-4:30; Display tables 9-2; Workshops and special events 10-5:30; cocktails 5:30-7; dinner and live radio shows and awards 7-11.

DISPLAYS: Let me know if you want a table as soon as possible. They may be limited. Tell me how many you need. We are thinking of a listening area and a display of discs.

SOCIAL CONTACT: We will try to give you more time to socialize. For those staying Friday night we will have a room with a bar and buffet supper. The bar will also remain open after the dinner Saturday night. Instead of a formal panel discussion we are considering an informal hour where you can talk to each other, especially to the special guests and get their autographs. Also we hope many of the special guests will agree to sit at different tables so you can eat with them. There will also be a room upstairs that the special guests can use to relax.

INFORMATION FOR OUT OF TOWN GUESTS: 35 rooms are being set aside for us, Friday and Saturday nights. They will be \$28 (single) and \$32 (double). If you want a room let me know when you send in your reservation and I will send you a reservation card. Contact Jerry Goldstein at the Holiday Inn for other room information. Mention the convention.

WORKSHOPS AND TALKS: Those under consideration are: 1. Children's workshop (children will act out a radio show). 2. Writing workshop 3. Acting workshop 4. Sound effect workshop. 5. Trivia contest. 6. Raymond Edward Johnson. 7. Equipment discussion including equalizers 8. Video tapes. 9. One live radio show in the afternoon and two at night.

If you can help with any of these or think of others, let me know.

TRAVEL: Limousine service is available to the Holiday Inn from Kennedy and Laguardia Airports. Call in the baggage area.

PUBLICITY: Please publicize this wherever you can. Start getting your reservations in.

COMMITTEE: Jay Hickerson and Joe Webb; co-chairmen

Julie and Larry DeSalvatore, 25 Sachem St, New Britain, Ct 06053

Peter Greco, 86A DeFrack Rd, Lake Hiawatha, NJ 07034

Adam Richter, 1480 Rt 46 #156B, Parsippany, NJ 07154

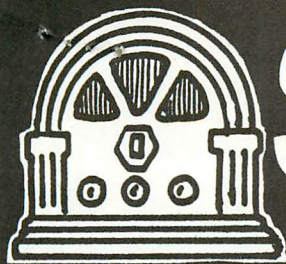
Stu Weiss, 33 Von Braum Av, Staten Island, NY 10312

Carol and Bob Witte, 7 Highpoint Rd, Westport, Ct 06880

If anyone needs a ride from the New York City area we can give a ride, please contact Stu Weiss.

Let's help make this the biggest one ever.

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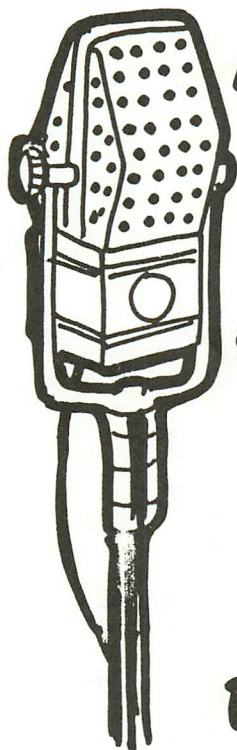
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